

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment in which the Applicants have amended the specification to acknowledge government funding.

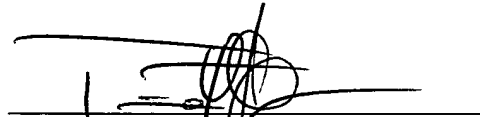
A favorable first Office Action is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at 617-720-3500.

Please charge any fee or fee deficiency occasioned by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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